GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF KAZAKHASTAN ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA;RENUKA CHOWDHURY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the visit of Kazakhstan Assistant Foreign Minister in May this year, the proposed Summit Meeting of CICA (Conference of Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia) scheduled for Nov. 2001 was discussed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the venue and agenda of the Summit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) During the visit of Mr. Kairat Abouseitov, the Vice Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan to India on 21st May 2001, discussions were held on the Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) proposed to be held from 8th-10th November 2001.

(b) Kazakhstan has taken the initiative to host the Summit in Almaty. A Special Working Group of CICA is negotiating a Document for adoption by the Heads of State or Government of CICA member states at this Summit.The document aims at putting on a firm footing the incipient process which had commenced with the Declaration of Principles signed at the meeting of Foreign Ministers of CICA Member States in Almaty in 1999. Mr. Abouseitov, in his capacity as Chairman of this Special Working Group, visited India as part of a series of visits he was making to various national capitals of CICA member states for bilateral consultations on various aspects of this draft Document. The formal agenda of the Summit has not yet been finalised.